Representation from ex-servicemen demanding pensionery benefits

*419. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representative from ex-servicemen of less than 14 years of service, demanding pensionery benefits;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The demand is for grant of pension to those ex-servicemen who had put in less than 15 years service.

(c) As per the existing rules, minimum qualifying service for pension eligibility is 15 years for Personnel Below Officer Rank and 20 years for Commissioned Officers. No change in this condition is contemplated.

Rape cases with minors in Delhi

@*420. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rape cases with minor girls are on the increase in the country during these days;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof for the last three months;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than sufficient time is taken by the court to punish the defaulters; and

(d) if so, the instructions to be issued for taking decision at the earliest in such cases and by when such instructions are expected to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per statistics compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the number of cases of rape of minors

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(persons up to the age of 18 years) registered during the last 3 years and the percentage variation were as below:

Year	Number of rape cases	Percentage variation
2002	2532	
2003	2949	+16.5%
2004	3541	+20.1%

(b) NCRB does not collect statistics of rape cases of minors on monthly basis. Therefore, state-wise details for the last three months are not available. However, a statement showing the state-wise details of rape cases of minors during the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Time taken to pronounce judgement varies from case to case. However, Supreme Court of India and the State High Courts concerned issue instructions to subordinate courts for ensuring expeditious disposal of cases.

Statement

Cases of rape of minors in 2002-04

Sl. No.	State/UT	2002	2003	2004
		Cases Registered		
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	137	383	363
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3	9	11
3	Assam	3	5	7
4	Bihar	3	3	3
5	Chhattisgarh	182	186	308
6	Goa	7	22	20
7	Gujarat	67	75	96
8	Haryana	84	77	24

1	2	3	4	5
9	Himachal Pradesh	26	36	32
10	Jammu & Kashmir	7	2	4
11	Jharkhand	43	16	43
12	Karnataka	19	25	42
13	Kerala	186	69	159
14	Madhya Pradesh	517	699	710
15	Maharashtra	491	605	634
16	Manipur	0	7	4
17	Meghalaya	16	24	22
18	Mizoram	2	9	0
19	Nagaland	6	0	1
20	Orissa	21	55	31
21	Punjab	52	54	54
22	Rajasthan	38	49	137
23	Sikkim	4	8	1
24	Tamil Nadu	29	47	166
25	Tripura	0	0	28
26	Uttar Pradesh	416	301	394
27	Uttaranchal	8	11	17
28	West Bengal	16	16	19
	TOTAL (STATES):	2383	2793	3330
29	A & N Islands	1	2	8
30	Chandigarh	6	9	13
31	D &N Haveli	0	0	0
32	Daman & Diu	0	4	1
33	Delhi	138	140	186
34	Lakshasweep	0	0	0
35	Pondicherry	4	1	4
	TOTAL: (UTs)	149	156	212
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)	2532	2949	3542